TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Office of the Secretary,

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Washington, D.C., September 21, 1887.

Mr. John Hoey,

Vice President, Adams Express Co.,

59 Broadway, New York.

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Since January, 1881 this table has been regarded, so far as it relates to above named class of transportation, as a modification of the contract of February, 1879, but in view of its unreliability the Department hereby revokes the modification of January, 1881,

and the accounting officers will be instructed on and after November 1, 1887, to return to the use of the table of distances of the Quartermaster General's Department (as provided in the contract) in connection with the "Traveller's Official Guide of the Railways, &c of the United States", which is considered official by the Quartermaster's Department.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter, and notify the officers of your Company at Philadelphia who prepare the accounts for transportation from the U.S. Mint in that city.

Respectfully yours,

Acting Secretary.

Treasury Department, September 21, 1887.

Secretary of the Treasury

John Hoey, Vice President Adams Express Co.

Rel. to discontinuance after Oct. 31, 1887, of table of distances now in use for settlement of Adams Express Co's accounts for transportation of silver coin from U.S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Treasury Department September 21, 1887.

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Hugh S. Thompson, Acting Secretary.

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